Minutes of Marshall Team Meeting September 7, 2004

DD01/Rex Geveden: There will be a special Program Management Council (PMC) today, 2 to 3 p.m., on Demonstration of Autonomous Rendezvous Technology (DART) in room P110. There is an Office of Space Operations PMC tomorrow, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be a Strategic Business Objectives Off-Site for direct reports at the Marshall Institute from noon until 4 p.m. on Friday.

ED33/Nance Jo Ogozalek: The Center has chosen the independent Third Party Assessment option to certify the Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Program. The company performing this assessment is STAR Consultants, which is the same company that was here in 2001 and will basically be assessing the improvements we have made over the last 3 years. The first visit will be the week of October 25 and will consist of employee interviews, documentation review, attendance at the SHE Committee meeting on October 27, and attendance at our Safety Day on October 28. The second visit will occur in early November and will consist of executive interviews, completion of the document review and employee interviews. Charts used in this presentation are posted on Inside Marshall.

QS50/Dennis Davis: The preliminary Performance Evaluation Profile (PEP) scores with over 80% participation by both employees and supervisors are 4.3 for employees and 4.5 for managers. This is the same as the past two years. A score of 4.0 or higher is considered good. The general safety metrics for August looked good. All metrics are in the "green" except the findings by supervisors ratio. This has been low all year. Supervisors are encouraged to identify and document safety issues in the Supervisors Safety Web Page. In addition to the normal report, the Safety Department did a study of all recordable mishaps at MSFC over the past 5 years. Significant findings included higher relative mishap rates on weekends and third shift, cuts are a significant type mishap at MSFC, and the number of recordable mishaps has been trending down since 2001. Charts used in this presentation are posted on Inside Marshall.

QD50/Jim Rogers: Mr. Rogers presented an overview of the process followed to establish an ascent success probability requirement for the Crew Escape Vehicle Launch System. The general strategy was to set an initial requirement based on the median launch success estimate for Shuttle and increase the required confidence in subsequent design cycles. An overview of how the risk requirement was calculated from current Shuttle risk estimates was also shown.

CD40/Angela Storey: The MSFC Family Fun Day and Fall Festival will be held on October 2. The 5K run will begin at 8 a.m., and the Children's Parade will begin at 9:45 a.m. There will be one-price tickets this year. Tickets for age 13 and above will be \$12 and will increase to \$15 after September 24; tickets for age 4 to 12 will be \$8, increasing to \$10 after September 24; and ages 3 and under are free. Tickets that will give access to all entertainment, food, games - everything except beer. We still need some volunteers in the ticket booths and beer booths. This event is for all civil servants, contractors, retirees, and their families.

CD40/Steve Durham: Upcoming events include: (1) Hispanic Heritage Month will be observed September 15 through October 15. The Equal Opportunity Office is planning an event in October, and we will have more on that later. (2) On Friday, September 10, the final Transformation Dialog Road Show will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. CDT. The topic is Sustaining the Vision Long Term, and it will be broadcast on NASA TV. (3) On September 20, the North Alabama/NASA Marshall Business Forum will be held at the von Braun Center, North Hall. It is an all-day event and will feature representatives from Marshall discussing business opportunities, the vision, and the exploration initiative. The Government and Community Relations Office is the point of contact. (4) On September 22, Expedition 8 crew member, Michael Foale, will visit the Center. An event is being planned for Morris Auditorium. Details will be forthcoming. (5) Scheduled events related to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) include the MSFC CFC Kickoff on September 28, 10 a.m., Building 4200, Morris Auditorium; Tennessee Valley CFC Kickoff on September 29, 10 a.m., Building 4544, MSIC Auditorium; and Tennessee Valley CFC Agency Fair on September 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Building 4316. Rosa Kilpatrick is the point of contact.

SD01/Ann Whitaker: GP-B has been in a science mode for more than a week.

CD10/Danny Hightower: There is a book on the table outside in the lobby to sign as a gift for Dennis Smith. Direct reports who have not responded about the luncheon can see Judy Green in the lobby.

LS01/Bill Hicks: The invitation to the German Consul General/Chamber of Commerce event on September 14 celebrating the life of Dr. Wernher von Braun states that a fingerprint is required. This was meant as a joke and should be ignored.

MP01/Mike Rudolphi: We have no reports of personnel injuries at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) related to Hurricane Frances at this time. Power and communications at the Cape are being restored. KSC will be closed today and possibly tomorrow. The Vertical Assembly Building (VAB) sustained serious damage. A thousand 4x8 panels came off and knocked a hole through the insulation and interior walls. Hardware in the VAB has some damage. In the tile facility, a roof and some walls were lost, which is probably the most serious damage.

PS01/Steve Beale: Mr. Beale will go to Washington, DC, on Thursday, September 9, to accept an award for the Center at the Small Business Award Ceremony.

AD01/Jim Carter: Hurricane Ivan will be approaching Florida by this weekend.

DA01/Dave King: A couple of weeks ago I participated in the Space Flight Awareness event held in Orlando, Florida. Our employees did an outstanding job coordinating this event. Please extend my congratulations to all the honorees.

Joyce Eagan: Flu shots will not be available until October 26. Also, we have a presentation on Workman's Compensation that is available for presentation at staff meetings.